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## West Berkshire Council Neighbourhood Area Designation Application form

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Please note that the information provided on this application form will be published on the Council's website. If you require further clarification, please email [planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk)

### 1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan:

Title:	MR	First Name:	ERLE	Surname:	MINHINNICK
Address (inc. postcode):	[REDACTED]				
Telephone:	[REDACTED]				
Email:	[REDACTED]				
Position in relation to Neighbourhood area application:	CHAIRMAN, BURGHFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN SIGHTING GROUP				

### 2. Parish Clerk Details (if different from above):

Title:	First Name:	Surname:
Address (inc. postcode):		
Telephone:		
Email:		

### 3. Relevant Body:

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act<sup>1</sup> and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations<sup>2</sup>

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name of Relevant Body:	BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
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*Note: in areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Relevant Body. If your area is not covered by a parish council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/2/enacted>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukreg/2012/837/reg/2/made>

**4. Name of Neighbourhood Area:**

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known:

THE PARISH OF BURGHFIELD

**5. Extent of area:**

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries.

Proposed Area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. Areas covering more than one parish area:**

If the proposed Neighbourhood Area covers more than one parish, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below:

Name of Town/Parish Council	NA
Extent of parish included in Neighbourhood Area	
Name and Position	
Signature	

*Please add additional boxes if required*

**7. Intention of neighbourhood area:**

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area

Neighbourhood Development Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood Development Order	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Right to Build Order	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate:**

Please describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area:

*Please continue on separate sheet if necessary*

AS ATTACHED

**9. Supporting Information**


Please provide details of why you would like to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan and what you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to deliver for the Neighbourhood Area

*Please continue on separate sheet if necessary*

AS ATTACHED

**10. Declaration:**

I/We hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan

Name	ERLE MINHINNICK
Date	7/2/17
Signature	

**Please return your application form to:**

Planning Policy,  
Planning and Countryside,  
West Berkshire Council,  
Market Street,  
Newbury,  
RG14 5LD

[planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk)

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**8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate** *Please describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area*

The Parish of Burghfield covers an area of approaching seven square miles situated to the south-west of Reading. It has a population of approximately 4,500 adults living principally in the settlements of Burghfield Common and the smaller Burghfield Village. It also includes the hamlet of Burghfield Bridge, lying by the Kennet and Avon Canal, and much of the floodplain of the Lower Kennet Valley. This provides important wildlife habitats as well as effective separation from Reading. The Parish also includes extensive areas of scenically attractive woodland and agricultural land surrounding the two main settlements, some of it bordering on Wokefield Common to the South-East. All these open areas are valued by local residents for their scenic value and for recreational use, and "Preservation of the surrounding countryside" is one of the aspirations listed in the Burghfield Parish Plan Refresh of 2012. It is therefore considered appropriate to include the whole Parish within the designated area or the NDP.

**9. Supporting Information** *Please provide details of why you would like to carry out a Neighbourhood Development Plan and what you would like the Neighbourhood Development Plan to deliver for the neighbourhood Area*

Burghfield Common is recognised as a Service Village in the West Berkshire Council Core Strategy, 2006-2026. This, together with the possibility of a new development of 15,000 dwellings centred on Grazeley in Wokingham District, just over West Berkshire's eastern border, ensures that the Parish of Burghfield will be under continuing pressure to accept new housing development. We believe that local people should have the maximum possible influence in determining both the distribution and the character of the new housing, and in ensuring that it provides a mix of housing types appropriate to the needs of the community.

We must also ensure that the new housing is accompanied by the development of infrastructure capable of supporting the increasing population and enhancing the existing sense of community. For example, our local schools, both primary and secondary, are currently operating at close to capacity, and additional land may be required to permit the necessary expansion in educational facilities.

We believe there is a great deal of support locally for the proposal to prepare an NDP for Burghfield, as indicated first by the large and enthusiastic attendance at a public meeting to launch the project held in November 2015, second the substantial response to the call for relevant proposals to be submitted at the Burghfield May Fayre in 2016, and third the positive response to the proposal to develop an NDP posted on social media sites set up to publicise the initiative.

We therefore trust that West Berkshire Council will accept the proposal that we develop an NDP for Burghfield.

# Burghfield Parish Boundary



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